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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2-163.

Please enter the following new claims:

--164. A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to ~~one~~<sup>55</sup> of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion;